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General Regulations

These regulations apply to all legally described spring turkey gobbler hunting districts and areas.

Spring Season — April 9 - May 8, 1994
April 8 - May 7, 1995

Licenses — The following licenses are available at all Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices and most license agents throughout the state.

	Res.	Nonres.
Spring Season Turkey License	\$5.00	\$13.00
Conservation License (required prerequisite*)	\$4.00	\$5.00
Upland Game Bird License (required prerequisite*)	\$6.00	\$55.00

*The resident Sportsman's License, the nonresident Big Game Combination License or the nonresident Deer Combination License serves as the prerequisite license for both the conservation license and the upland game bird license.

Landowner Sponsored Deer Combination License holders may hunt upland game birds only on the landowner sponsor's property. This does not include leased or public land.

Montana residents 12-14 years of age, 62 years of age and older or holder's of a Disabled Resident Conservation License, need only the conservation license and a valid turkey license to hunt turkey. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt turkey.

Limit — One wild, male turkey per spring season. Turkey license must be stamped "SPRING."

Avoid Violations of the Law — It is illegal to shoot any game bird on, from, or across any public highway, or the shoulder, berm, or borrow-pit, or right-of-way of any public highway, and/or motor driven conveyance.

Checking Stations — All sportspersons are required to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

Evidence of Sex — No person shall transport within the state any turkey taken during the spring turkey gobbler season unless a leg and foot are left naturally attached for evidence of sex. The leg and foot shall remain attached at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal residence of the processor or a processing facility.

1. Field dressed gobblers being transported from the place they were taken to a permanent residence or processing facility must have one complete leg and foot naturally attached.
2. Processing facility means a site removed from the field that has permanent facilities for the final preparation of the bird prior to consumption, i.e. commercial locker, ranch or permanent camp.

Hunter Education — both resident and nonresident youths 12 - 17 years of age must provide a Certificate of Competency in the safe handling of firearms before they may purchase a hunting license.

Hunting Hours — One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Indian Reservations — Sportspersons hunting on Indian reservations should check Indian reservation regulations because season dates, shooting hours and bag limits may differ from state regulations.

Landowners Permission — Sportspersons are reminded that landowner permission is required to hunt on posted land. You are encouraged to "Ask First" to hunt on land not posted.

Means of taking — Wild turkey may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge; long, recurve or compound bow and arrow; and rifle or handgun, except in Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Granite, Mineral, Missoula, Powell and Ravalli counties, where only shotguns or long, recurve or compound bow and arrow may be used.

The following methods or devices are prohibited in taking game birds and animals:

1. The use of any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of wildlife.
2. The use of any artificial light or any electronic device attached to any bow or arrow that aids in the taking or locating of any game animal or game bird.

Restriction — Baiting prohibited. **Baiting** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain so as to constitute a lure or attraction. Nothing shall prohibit the taking of birds in or over standing crops or harvested cropland or grains scattered as a result of agricultural harvesting.

Tagging — Immediately after harvesting the wild turkey, cut out the proper month and day from the license and affix to the turkey so it remains secure and visible at all times.

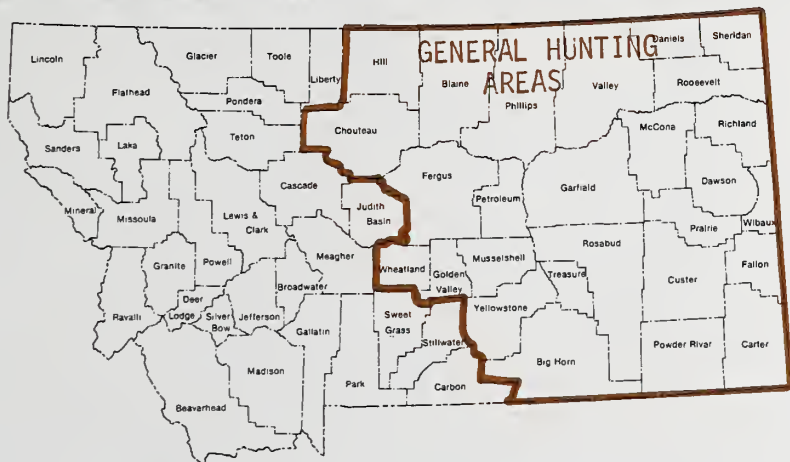
Wanton Waste — It is illegal to waste any part of any game animal, game bird, or game fish suitable for food. Following are turkey parts suitable for food: breasts, thighs and wings.

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Spring Turkey— General Hunting Areas

The areas listed below are open to all sportspersons who hold a valid current year Spring Turkey License. Special permits are not required in the areas listed below:

Hill, Chouteau, Fergus, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Yellowstone and Big Horn counties and all counties lying east of these.



Spring Turkey-Special Permit Hunting Areas

Listed below are areas where limited numbers of spring turkey gobbler permits are being made available to sportspersons through a drawing. Applicants may apply for a special spring turkey gobbler permit in **only one area of the state**. Permit quotas listed are final for 1994. Final permit quotas for 1995 will be adopted at the February 1995 Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission meeting.

Successful applicants are authorized to use their special spring turkey gobbler permit, in conjunction with their spring turkey license, to hunt in an area that is otherwise closed to spring turkey hunters.

The special spring turkey gobbler permit allows the sportsperson to hunt in the described area, or specific hunting district, during the time specified on the permit.

Applications must be postmarked by March 15 of the current year, to be eligible for the drawing. Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to purchase a valid spring turkey license before hunting.

Sanders, Flathead and Lake Counties:

Applicants must indicate either Flathead Valley or West Clark Fork area and submit in writing their name, address, current year conservation license number and a \$3. nonrefundable drawing fee to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Turkey Drawing, 490 North Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Flathead Valley:

A total of 200 special spring turkey gobbler permits will be issued.

That portion of Flathead and Lake counties lying within the following described- boundary: Beginning at the junction of U. S. Highway 2 and Route 206 in Columbia Heights, then easterly along U. S. Highway 2 to the South Fork of the Flathead River, then up said fork to Frank Creek, then up said creek to USFS Trail 51, then up said trail to Doris Mountain on the Swan Divide, then southerly along said divide to USFS Trail 10 in Section 36, T26N, R18W, then

southwesterly along said trail to USFS Road 9508 (Six Mile Road), then southerly along said road to Route 83, then southerly along said route to USFS Road 10229 (Porcupine Creek Road), then westerly and southerly along said road to the south boundary of T26N, the 6th Standard Parallel North, then west along said township line to the Flathead Indian Reservation boundary, then north and west along said boundary to the east shore of Flathead Lake, then north and west along the shore of said lake to Somers Fishing Access Site and U. S. Highway 93, then northerly along said highway to Route 40, then easterly along said route to U. S. Highway 2, then easterly along said highway to the junction of Route 206, the point of beginning.

West Clark Fork:

A total of 50 special spring turkey gobbler permits will be issued.

That portion of Sanders County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning where the Sanders-Mineral county line meets the Idaho border, then easterly along said line to Greenwood Hill, then northerly along the divide to Penrose Peak, Cherry Peak and Eddy Mountain, then northwesterly down the ridge to the Clark Fork River and mouth of Thompson River, then northeasterly up said river to the West Fork of the Thompson River, then up said fork to Four Lakes Creek, then westerly up said creek to the North Fork of Four Lakes Creek, then northwesterly up the North Fork to USFS Road 7671 and USFS Trail 437, then westerly up said trail to USFS Trail 450, then northerly on said trail to Mt. Headley, then northerly along the divide between Graves Creek and West Fork of Fishtrap Creek to the Vermilion River Divide, then northerly along the Vermilion-Thompson River Divide to the Sanders-Lincoln county line, then westerly along said line to the Idaho border, then south and southeasterly along said border to the Sanders-Mineral county line, the point of beginning.

Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli and Portion of Granite Counties:

(see Granite County portion below)

A total of 30 special spring turkey gobbler permits will be issued.

Applicants must submit in writing their name, address, current year conservation license number and \$3 nonrefundable drawing fee to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Turkey Drawing, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59801.

Granite County Portion: Only that portion of Granite County north of the following described line shall be open to the hunting of turkeys during the spring gobbler season: Beginning at Cleveland Mountain and the head of Welcome Creek to Rock Creek, then north along Rock Creek to its junction with Brewster Creek, then easterly along said creek to Sliderock Mountain and the head of Eightmile Creek, then easterly along said creek to its junction with the 500 KV Bonneville Power Line, then southeast along said power line to the Granite-Powell County line.

Toole and Pondera Counties:

A total of 10 special spring turkey gobbler permits will be issued.

Applicants must submit in writing their name, address, current year conservation license number and \$3 nonrefundable drawing fee to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Turkey Drawing, P. O. Box 6610, Great Falls, MT 59406.

Stillwater, Carbon and Sweet Grass Counties:

A total of 200 special spring turkey gobbler permits will be issued.

Applicants must submit in writing their name, address, current year conservation license number and \$3 nonrefundable drawing fee to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Turkey Drawing, 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT 59105.

By order of the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, the seasons, limits and regulations listed herein shall govern the 1994-1995 Spring Gobbler Hunting Season. These regulations are valid March 1, 1994 through February 29, 1996 and were adopted by the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission on February 8, 1994; Patrick J. Graham, Secretary.



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